Budget Option 2019/20 - 2020/21

Cumulative Net Savings

Reference:

RE 13

| Riverside Café | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
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| Saving options | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Externalise the café business with a reduced area for seating | 0 | 15 | 47 |

| Director Responsible for Delivery | Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment |
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| Cabinet Portfolio Holder | Cllr Denise Lelliott |
| Finance Business Partner | Julie Copley |

| Proposal Description | Riverside House Café |
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Details of Proposal (including implications on service delivery)

The Café @ Riverside is located on the ground floor, Riverside House, and is managed by the Council Catering & Facilities Services section.

When Riverside House opened a decision was taken to provide a shared facility within the new building for use by Council staff and the visitors. The seating area enables 60 covers.

The arrangements for the hot food provision have been minimised as part of a review of costs and the current provision is from the Breathing Space catering facility, Badsley Moor Lane.

The proposal is a reduced seating offer with the vacated area being utilised for other uses. This will support the existing Asset Management savings on property.

The proposal is to undertake a tender process for the café. Initial soft market testing has taken place to ensure there

| | would be market interest and this has been positive and also in agreement that all the space for tables is not required. The option would include the staff receiving TUPE rights to any new provider should an in-house tender not be submitted or not be successful. |
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| Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact) | An evaluation of customer use has indicated that over 70% of customers are Council employees working in the building with 30% external customers, mainly linked to the library and customer services. Tendering the facility will provide an opportunity for local businesses to apply. |
| Support required from Corporate Services – Finance, HR, Legal, ICT (please specify) | Procurement if the full tender option is agreed. Asset Management to work through options for any future building works. |
| Reduction in Staffing Posts (FTEs) | 4.17 |
| Reduction in Head Count | 6 |

Decision Maker :
Either Cabinet or Officer/Management
Action